

He was keenly aware that he worked at the behest of those in the 34th House district—not the other way around. A lifelong Republican, he went to Richmond each winter focused on improving the lives of his constituents in McLean, Arlington and other parts of Virginia. That often meant crossing the aisle and working with Democrats to pass critical legislation. It also meant standing up to lawmakers in his own party when they were pushing policy harmful to his district.

In the midst of yet another expensive, attack-oriented election cycle, Vince Calhahan's passing should serve as a reminder that there's always going to be a place for people with firm spines, positive ideas and good intentions.

RECOGNIZING THE COLLINSWORTH FAMILY AS THE 2014 WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA, FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Collinsworth family of Westville, Florida, for being selected as the 2014 Walton County Farm Family of the Year.

The Collinsworth family traces its Northwest Florida roots to 1894, where their ancestors settled near the small community of Gaskin, Florida. Today, about 25 miles southeast of Gaskin, the Collinsworth family farm, owned by Bobby and Hazel Collinsworth, comprises three generations of farmers, including their son-in-law and grandchildren of the Currid family, each of whom play an integral role in the family's farming operations.

Since 1924, Bobby and Hazel Collinsworth have worked tirelessly to cultivate their farm to the successful operation it is today. What originally produced corn, soybeans, cotton, peanuts and consisted of hogs and cattle has flourished into 320 acres owned and 240 acres leased to raise 129 crossbred cows and 16 registered Simmental cows.

Mr. Speaker, our great Nation was built by farmers and their families. The Walton County Farm Family of the Year Award is a true reflection of the Collinsworth's family dedication to family and farming and their shared passion for ranching and caring for the land for future generations to come. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Collinsworth family for being outstanding in their field. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

CONGRATULATING CALVIN L. JOHNSON, SR.

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Calvin L. Johnson, Sr. as he completes his time as the Worthy Grand Joshua, of the Most Ancient Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, Inc., Prince Hall PHA of Pennsylvania.

The Prince Hall Freemasonry is a collection of predominately African American jurisdictions

in North America with a rich history dating back to before the Revolutionary War. In the 1700s, upon receiving rejection by over a dozen colonial Freemasonries, a freed slave by the name of Prince Hall, along with fourteen other freed slaves, created a chapter through the Grand Lodge of England, the original source of Freemasonry. The position of Worthy Grand Joshua is one of the highest honors within the Prince Hall Freemasonry. During the past two years, Mr. Johnson's duties have involved a demanding schedule of visits to many lodges throughout the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and participation in countless ceremonies and events.

A lifelong resident of Pennsylvania, Mr. Johnson was born in Harrisburg and spent his formative years in Steelton. He graduated from Steelton-Highspire High. After completing high school, Mr. Johnson entered the U.S. Army and was able to retire as a Chief Warrant Officer 3, as a Criminal Investigator for the Department of the Army.

His career after the military includes working for the Department of Environmental Resources, the Office of the Attorney, and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Most recently, after four years as a Security Investigator, Mr. Johnson left to pursue part-time work as a private investigator, constable, and tax preparer. It is during this time that he became the Worthy Grand Joshua, of the Most Ancient Grand Court, Heroines of Jericho, Inc., PHA. He has served in this capacity for two years, performing his duties professionally and never without a smile.

Outside of his current role as Worthy Grand Joshua, Mr. Johnson also serves on the Executive Board of Steelton Youth in Action (S.Y.I.A.) as the Financial Secretary. Even with his many commitments, he finds time in his schedule to drive a school bus for Steelton-Highspire, McDevitt, and Central Dauphin students.

George Washington, a notable Mason, once shared: "To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy of the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished, that the conduct of every member of the fraternity, as well as those publications, that discover the principles which actuate them, may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race."

Mr. Speaker, upon the completion of his duties as Worthy Grand Joshua, I thank Mr. Johnson for all that he has done for our area and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

HONORING DR. DEBRA STAKES

HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Dr. Debra Stakes, President of the Cuesta College Federation of Teachers, AFT 4909. Throughout her career, Dr. Stakes has been a committed individual to the advancement of high-quality education and scientific research. She has been a champion in moving forward these principles all while being a staunch advocate for faculty concerns and promoting community engagement, organizing, and political activism.

Dr. Stakes' prestigious career in the sciences is a product of her academic tenacity and achievements. She is a graduate of Rice University and received her doctorate in Oceanography from Oregon State University. Dr. Stakes' prominent postgraduate work included research appointments at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the California Institute of Technology, as well as a year at the National Science Foundation. Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Stakes was the first woman to participate in a range of groundbreaking discoveries such as the seafloor hot vents.

Later, Dr. Stakes taught at the University of South Carolina for almost eight years, where she was the only woman on a faculty of twenty-five in the Department of Geology. During her time at the University of South Carolina, Dr. Stakes promoted the management of large educational programs to support students to excel and succeed in the fields of mathematics and science.

Dr. Stakes continued her work and research in scientific and oceanic developments during the decade she worked as the only female scientist at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute.

In 2006, Dr. Stakes began teaching at Cuesta College in the fields of Geology and Oceanography, where she became involved in the faculty union as a Division Representative and later as the Committee on Political Education (COPE) Chair. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Stakes became the Vice President and took on the role of the organization's Chief Negotiator.

Dr. Stakes' passion for the sciences is evident throughout the trajectory of her career. She has been a trailblazer for women in her field and has continuously shown outstanding dedication towards the value of people's work and has stood against the injustice to deny anyone acknowledgement of their contributions.

As the current Chief Negotiator for Cuesta College's faculty union, Dr. Stakes continues to strive for the progress and enhancement of our education system, as well as the lives of educators. Dr. Stakes has encouraged and cultivated a strong bond of partnership between Cuesta College and the Tri-Counties Central Labor Council, which has benefited many people throughout San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.

For these reasons, I am pleased to join the Tri-Counties Central Labor Council in honoring Dr. Debra Stakes for her unwavering dedication and tireless efforts to expand the role of women in the workforce, the education sector and our community.

HONORING PETER ANDREAS SZEGO

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues, Congress members ANNA ESHOO and MIKE HONDA, to recognize the impact of Mr. Peter Andreas Szego's lifelong involvement in the life of our community. We would like to express our deep sadness over his passing on September 28, 2014, in San Jose at the age of 89.